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SUBJ: FONMIN DESCRIBES US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS

1. THE OCT 29 EDITION OF "SIETE DIAS", A WEEKLY GENERAL INTEREST MAGAZINE, CONTAINS AN INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN VIGNES THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHED. IN INTERVIEW, HE WAS ASKED "HOW DO YOU VIEW THE SHORT AND LONG TERM DEVELOP-MENT OF DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES?" HIS REPLY IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: EVENTS THEMSELVES ANSWER THAT QUESTION. THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCOMPANIED AND BACKED ARGENTINA IN NUMEROUS ASPECTS OF ITS FORIENG POLICY AND HAS NOT LESSENED ITS EFFORTS IN SHOWING ITS REGARD FOR HER AND BRING OUT THE IMPORTANCE ATTRIBUTED TO THE EXCELLENT RELATION-SHIP WHICH UNITES BOTH COUNTRIES. WE HAVE DONE THE SAME AND CANNOT FORSEE A CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONS. EXCEPT IN THE WAY OF STRENGTHENING THEM DAY BY DAY. DURING MY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OF INTERST TO THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA, AND MATTERS RELATED TO CONTINENTAL POLITICS, IN A CORDAIL ATMOSPHERE THEREBY REAFFIRMING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH BOTH OUR GVERNMENTS HAVE. FROM THE ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW, THE SHORT AND LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL TIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ACCOMPANY THE POLITICAL CLIMATE WHICH EMPHASIZES THE FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. COMMENT: IN THE PAST, MOST HIGH RANKING GOA OFFICIALS HAVE TENDED TO EQUIVOCATE IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH THE US. VIGENS DOES NOT. RELATIONS ARE GOOD AND WILL GET BETTER, HE SAYS AND ADDS NO CAVEATS. HILL

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